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NOTICE

Diplomatic & Consular Tax Exemption in the State of Arizona

The nature and procedures of the Arizona transaction privilege tax have often left foreign missions and their members puzzled as to how to obtain an exemption from this tax. Eligible foreign missions and their members are one of the very few groups entitled to exemption of relief from this tax; therefore Arizona vendors are not accustomed to receiving and granting requests for tax exemption.

The State of Arizona Department of Revenue recognizes diplomatic and consular tax exemption and allows vendors to deduct such a transaction from their taxable receipts. The Office of Foreign Missions advises foreign missions or members who plan to make purchases in Arizona to present a photocopy of the attached letter to vendors when requesting exemption.

This letter will further explain to Arizona vendors their ability to grant diplomatic or consular tax relief. Failure to use this letter may delay or prevent a foreign mission or member from receiving tax exemption.

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